State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session 2001

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 2005**

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF ARTHUR D. RANNEY, JR.

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Arthur D. Ranney, Jr. passed away on March 30, 2001 in Phoenix at the age of sixty.

Arthur Ranney was born and educated in Little Rock, Arkansas. He received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Arkansas and a bachelor of arts degree in computer science from the University of Kansas.

Focused on making Arizona a state with excellence in technology, Mr. Ranney innovated this state's information technology decision making in many ways. His innovations included the formation of the Project Investment Justification process, that alone saved Arizona citizens over \$90 million and received national recognition. Public services have been truly enhanced by projects championed by Mr. Ranney including No Wrong Door, the Arizona State Web Portal, the technology components of Students First and the TOPAZ Through his membership on the Joint Legislative Children's project. Integrated Family Services Committee, he was instrumental in creating No Wrong Door, a program that enhances the ability of children and families to access much needed services provided by this state. The Arizona State Web Portal promises to take government services into the homes of all Arizonans, the Students First program enhances and enriches student learning statewide to fully prepare Arizona's children for tomorrow's workplace and the TOPAZ project was recently deployed to provide telecommunication services to rural communities.

Mr. Ranney accumulated twenty-two years of experience in the information technology field with a broad range of experience from programmer to MIS manager to chief information officer. He also had sixteen years of experience in auditing, accounting and finance. He held the position of chief financial officer for a major insurance company and was a practicing certified public accountant with a public accounting firm.

Mr. Ranney dedicated the last ten years of his professional career to public service. Most recently, he served in the Governor's cabinet as the State Chief Information Officer and the Director of the Government Information Technology Agency. In that capacity, he provided valuable oversight and coordination for the state's executive branch automation resources and ably advised the three branches of state government about information technology. Before his appointment as the State Chief Information Officer, he served with distinction as the Technology Oversight Manager and was the State Coordinator for the Y2K project. In addition, Arthur Ranney served on the Arizona Board of Regents and the Governor's Office for Excellence in Government.

Dedicated to his family, Mr. Ranney will be greatly missed by his wife, Pat, parents, Arthur Dinty Ranney Sr. and Kleada, daughters, Laurie, Melissa and Stephanie, sons, Arthur III, Bruce and Thomas, sisters, Arbi and Alexia, and eight grandchildren.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at the passing of Arthur D. Ranney, Jr. and extend their condolences to his family and many friends.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 5, 2001.

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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